

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Improper Request For Continued Examination, the applicant, through the undersigned, has extended the time for response to the Final Office Action issued August 29, 2002 for an additional two months to the full statutory period. The time for response now expires on February 28, 2003.

The filing fee of \$375.00 is being charged to the deposit account No. 10-1213 of the undersigned. Any additional fees that may be required in connection with this submission in connection with this submission are also authorized to be charged to that account.

In an effort to advance the prosecution of the present application, there are submitted new claims 9-11. It is believed that these new claims overcome the Examiner's rejection of the claims previously pending. Entry of these claims prior to an examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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